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## RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2011 CAR RAFFLE WINNERS 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Chooses Car Instead of Cash

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(Columbia, Maryland) The Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation announced their 11th annual car raffle fundraiser winners on January 11, 2011. The top prize, an Audi A3 from Valley Motors or \$25,000 cash, went to Raj Vora of Ijamsville, who chose the car, which he upgraded to an Audi A4. The second prize of \$10,000 went to Bob Garner of Pasadena, and third prize of \$5,000 was awarded to Mark Nusinov from Baltimore.

“My wife bought her first car after college with her own money, which was a great Mazda. That Mazda has unfortunately been confined to the garage after all these years because of sentimental value,” Raj said. “When I won the raffle, I asked her if I bring an Audi home, can we please get rid of the Mazda. She happily agreed of course!”

Twelve restaurants teamed up with the Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation to make this raffle worth every penny. The purchase of one car raffle ticket not only came with the chance to win big, but also with a \$25 dining gift certificate to each of the 12 participating restaurants.

The Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation Chairman, Michael Birchenall of Foodservice Monthly, said, “It’s not your normal raffle, its even better! You see the value of your purchase immediately when you receive all 12 gift certificates. It’s great that Raj is already using some of his gift certificates, and trying new restaurants in the process. That’s what this is all about.”

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s car raffle. If you are interested in being added to the mailing list for next year’s raffle, please email Mary at [mary@ramef.org](mailto:mary@ramef.org).

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The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) celebrates 75 years serving the restaurant and foodservice by maintaining core principles born out of the first national financial crisis. In 1927 a small group of Baltimore area restaurateurs met to deal with the challenges facing the economy and the foodservice industry. Today, RAM is a 2,000 member strong statewide trade association operated for the purpose of promoting, protecting and improving the foodservice industry in the State of Maryland. Since the very beginning, the Association has been run by restaurateurs and suppliers working not only for the benefit of dues paying members, but also for the restaurant industry as a whole. For more information about the restaurant industry in Maryland please visit our website at [www.marylandrestaurants.com](http://www.marylandrestaurants.com).

RAMEF serves as the preferred source of Education, Training, Resources and Research for Maryland's thriving Hospitality and Tourism industry. RAMEF focuses on Improving the Hospitality Industry through Education by training the industry employees in Food Safety, Responsible Alcohol Service and Management Skills. RAMEF also supports the future of the Industry by preparing High School Students for Careers through the ProStart Program and offering Scholarships to encourage students to pursue Hospitality as a Career. For more information about the Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation please visit our website at [www.ramef.org](http://www.ramef.org).